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REMARKS

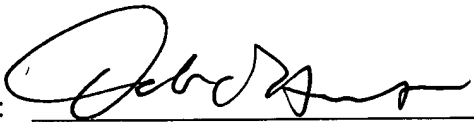
This paper is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated April 5, 2006. Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group II, Claims 17-23, drawn to a microarray and kits with said microarray, without traverse. Furthermore, Applicants elect the combination of genetic sequences from CDH23, MYO7A, OTOF, SLC26A4 and USH2A within Claims 17-23. Support for this election can be found, for example, in Table 2, column 2 (SEQ ID NO: 1 through SEQ ID NO: 30); Table 7, column 2 (SEQ ID NO: 63 through SEQ ID NO: 94); Table 8, column 2 (SEQ ID NO: 95 through SEQ ID NO: 134); Table 9, column 2 (SEQ ID NO: 135 through SEQ ID NO: 144); and Table 10, column 2 (SEQ ID NO: 145 through SEQ ID NO: 163). Claims 1-16 are withdrawn. Applicants hereby expressly reserve their right to pursue any or all withdrawn claims and/or subject matter in one or more continuing applications.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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